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Mud Fire Growing with Recent Drying Trends

WILLIAMS, AZ – Over the past several days, fire managers have seen steady growth on the Mud Fire to its current size of 75 acres. The fire continues to move predominately to the south along Rocky Ridge near Summit Mountain south of Williams. Recent and forecasted drying trends should contribute to potential fire spread within the 7,700 acre planning area. Assistant Fire Management Officer, Mike Uebel, cautions “planning areas are the maximum perimeters a resource fire could grow to given perfect conditions. It is truly a maximum, not a goal”. Crews are continually monitoring this naturally spreading fire for changes in behavior and growth as drying trends extend. The Mud Fire planning area was developed with resource benefit to multiple objectives including maintaining a fire-adapted ecosystem and protecting cultural resources and wildlife habitat.

Date/Time Reported: Monday July 29th, 2013

Location: 10 miles south of Williams

Cause: Lightning

Size: 75 Acres

Landscape/Fuels: Ponderosa Pine and Oak

Fire Behavior: Low intensity creeping and smoldering

Planning Area: 7,700 acres

Smoke impacts should continue to be minimal to the Williams community. However, varying monsoonal precipitation and winds may change fire behavior and growth resulting in increased smoke production. Hunters scouting for fall hunts and general forest visitors are asked to use caution in the general fire area and observe all posted signs.

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Low intensity fire behavior as seen on the Mud Fire on the afternoon of August 12th, 2013 approximately 10 miles south of Williams, AZ.